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It is doubtful policy on the part of the morning paper to, after the City of Para has left, vituperate the officers who control its military assignment. There are always two sides to a question and developments have greatly reduced Dunwell's side of the case. It is not policy of Hawaii to write leading articles two columns long against the prestige of the American army. That the officer was not the example to his men in striking Dunwell "va sans dire," the act was not that of an officer and a gentleman, but he was reprimanded by his leading officer who has full authority by the laws of the American government to enquire into and adjust his case. There is on reason to doubt the intention of the commanding officer to deal properly with the matter.

THE WEEKLY is not for a moment attempting to defend the actions of the troops in Honolulu. It is difficult of course, for the officers to control men who have only been under their charge a few weeks. Still more complicated is the situation when officers themselves lead the example.

As regards the roaming of soldiers on "a tear" about the city, the hauling in of the offenders by our own police is inevitable. You cannot wait for a police detail from the transport when a Chinaman is maltreated, a Japanese robbed, or the Home Bakery relieved of its cutlery.

The Colonel in command on the City of Para, as before said, will doubtless deal with his offending subordinate, still the action of resisting the police and refusing an interview is palpably in the wrong.

HONOLULU has had "all sorts and conditions" of soldiers. The best, the most orderly have been those who have won their spurs, the veterans of Cuba. Their walk and actions showed, that they had earned their right to a nation's pride that they would not lightly throw away, but we are at the mercy of whatever riff raff from the East may pass through here.

The matter is a serious one and must be handled in some way, but

yellow journalism is not calculated to solve the problem, or stand us higher in the estimation of either the War Department, or the other Powers at Washington.

THE hackdrivers of Honolulu, not citing Dunwell necessarily as a case in point, are at times more familiar and sometimes impertinent than their position warrants. This is due doubtless greatly to the fact that many of the parties they drive, meaning those from our own town, exercise familiarity towards them.

OUR "Scissors and Paste" contemporary discovers a rumor anent the displacement of President Dole. We editorially, says the "Tiser" heard it yesterday, but are informed that others heard it days ago. The morning journal then promptly interviews the only people who would naturally be under obligations, diplomatic and otherwise, to deny the report, and triumphantly reports that there is no truth in the rumor. Whether there is or not this is somewhat peculiar journalism.

THE WEEKLY takes pride unto itself on the present number. We haven't applauded ourselves very much on our new volume, but, now that the etching plant has settled down to working order, we feel self-congratulatory about the work turned out, especially the front page which, drawing, border, half-tone engraving and all, is turned out by our own company and printed on our own presses.

THE Orpheum keeps up a good record, but the Opera House has drawn only fair houses while Herr Friedenthal's recitals have not met the enthusiasm they merit. Space prevents a lengthy notice of Herr Friedenthal in the regular column, but the visit of that gentleman has been a veritable treat for the musical community here. His technique is brilliant, his poetry in interpretation facile and broad, while his wonderful repertoire add to the attractions of his recitals.

ASIDE from policy all the papers of Honolulu seem to unite in choosing Hassinger for the vacant office of Minister of the Interior. It is refreshing to see the editorial pages of Independent and Tiser agreeing on one man for office.

Now that the great value of Hawaii as a base of supplies has been so permanently established, we may reasonably expect the Government to go ahead with their contemplated works early next year, or soon in the next century. The Kalihi and Honolulu harbors will be made one and ships no longer lie in the stream awaiting wharfage room.

A RECENT body of tourists en route to Australia commented in no small terms of surprise upon the position assumed by the natives. One of the party, a German of education and considerable prominence in the Fatherland, vented his astonishment as follows: "It is a matter of wonderment to me. In Europe we imagine, having had no direct evidence to the contrary, that the Hawaiian natives are as the Maoris and members of the Polynesian group, merely savages, to whom civilization has brought the curses instead of the material benefits with which native nature, as a rule, does not assimilate. I find, to my astonishment, in your press-rooms, your machine shops, natives as foremen of various departments. I find them skilled mechanics, astute lawyers and acute business men. As sailors and boatmen, I am told they are unexcelled. It is a complete surprise to me and, believe me, will be to the Eastern world at large." It seems almost incalculable to those living here that such an opinion is really the fixed opinion of the bulk of the civilized world. We pass as a joke the saying: "Oh! they think we are all savages here!" but there remains indubitably the fact that people think that to a large degree.

It is within the grounds of probability that Hawaii is holding its customs and closing its pocket-books until the arrival of the Opera company, but it seems as if the interest of things dramatic are at ebb tide in Honolulu.

THE Paris Exposition will present an opportunity to combat these theories as to the enterprise and resource of the native inhabitants of Uncle Sam's new possessions. Exhibits showing native workmanship in machine-made factures should be shown. Patterns of machinery obsolete and new. Books, typographically handled by natives, should be presented. It is only fair and just that the stigma should be removed from the Hawaiians by the nations who have assumed a protectorate over them. The Hawaiians never needed coercion by fire and sword to force them to enjoy the advantages of modern thought. The desire and the faculty, if dormant, were always present.

A FALSE ALARM. The WEEKLY, in publishing Assistant Secretary Vanderlip's letter last Saturday, was not attempting to spring an alarm. It was a mere statement of facts that had come into the hands of this paper and of considerable interest to the public. It is hard to think that Mr. Vanderlip, after definitely dictating Honolulu both at the heading and in the body of the letter, should confound Honolulu "with Porto Rico or some other place," and despite the opinion of Colonel Ruhlen and others in the Star Documentary evidence from Washington is at the present standing primary evidence.

THERE are statements in the San Francisco papers that counterfeiting is being largely practised in the Philippines and Hawaii. Branches of the United States Secret Service are to be established here in that respect. The counterfeiting is news to most of us.

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